

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: )  
Ehling et al. )  
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For: PRESSURE-CONDITIONING METHOD AND) )  
DEVICE )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Preliminary Amendment 'A'

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the application referenced above. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.